

Sturgis, SD 57785



### **News & Upcoming Events**

Armchair Travelers Book Club - Sturgis Library, Thursday, December 3 at Noon. Sturgis City Council: December 7 and 21 at 6:30pm at the Erskine Building. Planning and Zoning: December 9 at 5:30pm at City Hall. Coloring Craze - Sturgis Library, Thursday, December 17 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Holiday Closures - City offices including the Library and the Community Center with the Cente

Holiday Closures - City offices including the Library and the Community Center will close at noon on Thursday, December 24 and will remain closed on Friday, December 25. In addition, the Library will be closed on Saturday, December 26. Trash from Friday's route will be collected on the following Monday.

**Food for Fines -** Pay your library fines with non-perishable food items, pet supplies or cash until December 18. Items collected will go to the Food Pantry or Sturgis Animal Shelter. The mitten tree will also be set up in the library during the holidays.

Scrooge Night December 17 Bring your receipts to the Armory for a chance to win prizes.



Reminder....

No Parking on Snow Routes if 4" or more is predicted.



#### Officials

### Mayor

Mark Carstensen 490-1044

### **Council Members**

Ward One:
Mike Bachand 490-1054
Rod Bradley 389-3209

Ward Two:
Tony Dargatz 490-3584
David Hersrud 347-5061

### Ward Three:

Jason Anderson 490-1618 Ron Waterland 720-5010

# Ward Four: Branden Bestgen 644-6005 Adam Martin 499-8549

City Manager
Daniel Ainslie 347-4422

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Our Mission: To provide an attractive, growing community being served by a professional staff that offers reliable, quality municipal services.

### Sturgis Main Street Project Scheduled to Begin in Spring of 2016

The Main Street Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin in early spring of 2016. The project will include a complete reconstruction of Main Street between Junction and Fourth Street and an overlay between Junction and Middle Street. Improvements will include drainage improvements, pavement replacement, new sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings, new street lighting to meet state and

federal standards, water main replacement and streetscaping. So far, work on the project has included the following:

- 2008 through 2010 Future Sturgis identifies the need and completes the design concept included in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Fall of 2013 The project was fully programmed into the State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP) and showed a construction start date of 2016.
- Spring of 2014 The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) began negotiations with FourFront Design, Inc. out of Rapid City for the engineering and design of the project.
- Summer of 2015 The City entered into an agreement with the DOT to allow FourFront Design, Inc. to complete the plans for the project.
- December 2015 DOT bid letting.

The two-year project will begin in the spring of 2016 with Phase 1 taking place between Middle Street and Junction. The work in Phase I will be complete prior to July of 2016.

### **New & Improved**

- Landscaped nodes at intersections will include trees and landscaping elements such as decorative benches and trash receptacles
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings
- Street lights will meet state and federal guidelines and will use energy efficient LED technology
- Decorative light poles

Phase II will include the remainder of Main Street from Junction to Fourth Street and will begin in September of 2016

If weather conditions allow, the entire project is scheduled to be complete prior to the summer of 2017.

This project is one of many downtown improvements that came about from efforts of Future Sturgis, the Sturgis Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Strategy Task Force recommendations over the past few years.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$3,417,579. The State will pay \$1,500,000 toward the project.

Information updates about street closures and traffic restrictions will be available on the City website and social media sites as the project develops.



### At the Library in December

Artist of the Month - David Harding. Mr. Harding paints with synthetic oil on canvas to capture the essence of his subject matter. Often painting buffalo and other wildlife, Mr. Harding gains his inspiration by the nature and wildlife around him in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

Cookie & Candy Contest - Do you have a favorite cookie or candy recipe you think others would enjoy? If you do, you are invited to enter into the 2015 Cookie & Candy Contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best treats and your recipe will be included in the official cook book. To enter, simply



drop off or email a copy of your recipe to the Library or the Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday, December 2 at 4:00 pm. Then prepare 4 dozen of your tasty treats and bring them to the library by 4:30pm on Saturday, December 5. Winners will be

chosen by a panel of judges as well as the public. Judging begins at 5:00pm.

The public is encouraged to stop by and help us judge this fun event prior to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.



Saturday Craft Stations - December 5, from 1:00 until 5:00. Kids will learn how to make special gift wrapping.

**Family Photos** - Stop by the Library in December for a free family photo.

All you need to do is gather your family & friends (well behaved pets are welcome too) and stop by the Library. Bring along your digital camera and a Library staff



person will take your photo near the fireplace.

There will be Christmas tree recycling collection areas set up on Ballpark Road near the Fire Station and at the Exit 32 recycling area. Please remove all decorations prior to drop off.



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### Winter Frostival Events

### Parade of Lights

Friday - December 4 at 6:00 PM.
Line-up begins at 5:00 near the old sale barn on Vanocker Canyon Road. The parade will go north on Junction, around the hospital, back to Junction and north to Main Street. West on Main, north on 4th across Lazelle, east in front of the Post Office and will end in the vacant lot by Lynn's. Judging will take place along the parade route. Cash prizes and trophies for Judge's Choice, Best Holiday Sound, Light of the Parade and Heartstrings Award.

### Snowman Stroll 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, December 5 at 10:00. Run starts at the Sturgis Community Center.

### Sturgis Library Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 5. Join us in celebrating the Christmas Season at the Sturgis Library. A full schedule of holiday events will start at 4:00pm. Enjoy treats, music, a visit from Santa and a traditional holiday story read by Mayor Carstensen at 5:30pm.



Saturday, December 5 at 6:00pm at the Harley-Davidson Rally Point. Enjoy a special holiday performance by the Sturgis Elementary Choir. A holiday movie will follow the lighting. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Special Harley-Davidson Christmas gifts will be given out to all in attendance while supplies last.

### Holiday Expo.

Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5. Stop by the Sturgis Community Center from 4:00pm until 8:00pm on Friday and 10:00am until 5:00pm on Saturday. Vendors will have a large selection of gift items and holiday treats.



# Winter Driving Reminders from the Public Works Department

As winter driving conditions worsen, the Street Department will be sanding signalized intersections, collector routes and streets with steep inclines. Residential streets are not typically sanded. Speed limits on these streets are posted as 25 mph and drivers should reduce their speed accordingly when icy conditions are present. Always allow extra room for stopping at intersections when snow and ice are present. If you live on a designated Snow Route, do not park on the street if 4" or more of snow is forecast

To view a list of snow routes, visit the Sturgis City website at www.Sturgis-sd.gov.

# Snow Comoval Vips...

by the National Weather Service.

When shoveling your sidewalk and driveway, place the snow on your lawn instead of in the street. This will help your grass and shrubs receive extra moisture during the winter months.

If you need help shoveling snow, check the City Website for the snow shoveling resource list. These people are available for hire.

**Attention Contractors** - Contractor license renewals are due the first of January each year. All contractors working within the City limits are required to be licensed. Please contact the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Office to renew your license.

### **Parking Reminder**

City Ordinance prohibits parking of RV's, campers and trailers in the public right of way (on a public street, alleyway or boulevard) for more than 24 hours. RV's and trailers parked on the street hampers snow removal efforts. If RV's and trailers are left on the street for more than 24 hours, they are subject to being towed at the owners expense.

# 37th Annual Sturgis Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 13 at 2:00pm in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Admission is free, but a free-will donation is available at the door to help defray expenses for the concert.



#### Contact Information

City Hall 347-4422 City Attorney 347-4422 Code Enforcement and Inspections 347-4422

Finance Office 347-4422 Human Resources 347-4422 Rally Department 720-0800 1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Community Center 347-6513 5:00 - 8:00 Mon. - Fri. 8:00 - 5:00 Sat. Noon - 5:00 Sun. 1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801 Emergency 911 7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624 8:00 - 7:00 Mon. -Thur. 8:00 - 5:00 Fri. 8:00 - 4:00 Sat. 1040 Harley-Davidson Way

Liquor Store 347-5983 8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat. 10:00 - 6:00 Sun. 1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1920 Ballpark Road Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070 Emergency 911 1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916 7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri. 1057 Dudley Street Rubble Site 347-5605 8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Sat. 20492 Avalanch Road

Water Department 347-4422 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1040 Harley-Davidson Way After Hours Emergency call Police Dispatch 347-2573 Payment Drop Box: 1040 Harley-Davidson Way We now accept credit cards.